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THE CHILDREN WE KEEP. The children kept coming, one by one.

Till the boys were five and the girls we and the big brown house was alive with fun From the basement floor to the old roof

Like garden flowers the little ones grew, Nortored and trained with the tendere

Warmed by love's sunshine, bathed in its They bloomed into beauty, like roses rare. t one of the boys grew weary one day,

aid, leaning his bead on his mother's

is said, I am tired and cannot play; Let me sit awhile on your knee and rest.' be cradled him close in her fond embrace, She had been to sleep with her sweetest

song, When his spirit had joined the heavenly

Then the eldest girl, with her thoughtful

Who stood where "the brook and the river most," Stole antily away into Paradise Ere "the river" bad reached her slender

the father's eres on the grave are The mother looked apward beyond the

"Our treamres," she whispered, "were only

Our darlings were in earth's disguise." The years flew by and the children began With longing to think of the world out

And as each, in his turn became a man, The boys proudly went from their father The girls were women so gentle and fair

That lovers were speedy to woo and win : And witherange blossoms in braided hair, The old home was left, new home to begin. So, one by one the children have gone-

The boys were five and the girls were And the big brown house is gloomy and

With but two old folks for its company. The talk to each other about the past, they sit together in eventide,

And say "All the children we kept at last. Are the boy and girl who in childhood died

Devotion.

The measure of our attachment to any cause or to any individual, is the moralise which we will voluntarily and that cause or individual. The devotion of a parent for a child is demonstrated by the willing sacrifices which the paent is ready to make for the child. In this way we may test our devotion to the cause of Jesus Christ. We have enly to ask ourselves the question, What sacrifice an I willing to make for the spread of the gospel? in order that we may learn our devotion to Jesus Christ Our devotion to some things is often so great that it cannot be estimoted. We have no standard by which to measure it. For that thing upon which we centre our affections we are ready and willing to make very great merifices: but for that thing apon which our affections are not set we are notifier to make any sacrifices or un-

dergo eny hardships.

If we really desire to know whether or not we love the Lord Jesus Chris the knowledge is certainly attainable, at least to a satisfactory degree. What direct sacrifice are we willing to make for the cause which is Christ's? How much money will we give to support the war which Jesus Christ is waging against the Prince of Darkness? If God has not given us the money, are we willing to take the place of a private in the ranks of the army of the king, and endure trials and afflictions? We

Jesus asked Peter. We may say to figure of a group of bucholic philosophers. our soul, Lovest thou Jesus more than He was homely, slovenly and sixty.

Christ is painfully little, even in the place. "Women are mostly what men make case of those whose devotion is greatest 'em. When husbands are brutes wires will and in the multitude it is not discernible by mortal eyes. Had Jesus Christ not known all things, he could not them when they're sick, and you'll have no have known that Peter loved him. On trouble. There's my own wife, now. She's the contrary, there was much and strong evidence that he did not love him. It is to be hoped that the devotion of the many to Jesus Christ is really greater than it appears to be. If it is not, certainly only a few will be

Shut Out.

When Noah and his family, together with all the animals which God determined to save, had entered the Ark, we are told 'the Lord shut him in.' Our Lord and Saviour, in describing, by the parable, usually called 'the parable of the ten virgins,' the consummation of all things, says that so soon as the bridegroom and his attendants had entered the house the door was shut. The door-bolt that secured Noah and his household from the overwhelming waves of the flood shut the rest of the human family out and made their ruin certain: The latch that shut the wise virgins in shut the foolish virgins

What an important lesson we may learn from this: The ordinary means of grace will be the savor of life unto some, and the savor of death unto others. The sermon that savingly converts one soul is the innocent occasion of hardening some other soul in sin. Neglect of duty terminates in hatred for God and all that is good. Mercies despised are kindled into burning coals which torment but do not consume the soul. There is something dreadful in the thought of being bauished from our homes, from our friends, from our family and from our country, but words do not exist nor can they be framed which will fully express all that is meant by the words, 'sbut out from God's mercy.' The language of the shot out is not articulate words, but

weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth. Let it never be forgetten that the door that shuts the righteons up safely in God's favor and friendship, and

faully in Heaven, where there are pleasures forever more, shuts the wicked out to wander in darkness and detre to make my camitica tran-calling frendships tensiortal.

Death.

It is remarkable that the human famly generally think so little about that which most concerns them. We all treat ourselves as a nurse is accustomed to treat a child. We direct our attention from those subjects which are likely to disturb us. There is no subject about which we think so carelessly as death. This is strange. Seldom does a week pass but the fact that the human family are rapidly passing off this stage of existence and entering upon another is demonstrated before our eyes. We admit the truth of the statement that all men must die, but the fact produces only a slight effect upon us, and that effect is only for a moment. We see the lifeless body of a fellow-being laid in the grave; we watch while that body is being covered up with the sod, and then turn away with a smile, as if the whole performance had been a precou-Why is this? Is death a thing un-

is within; its manifestations without. Hence, to cure the the disease the cause must be re moved, and in no other way can a cure ever be effected. WARNER'S SAFE KIDNEY AND LIVER CURE is established on just worthy of our thoughts? Such cannot this principle. It realizes that be the case. No one can dwell long 95 Per Cent. upon the thought that his body must, in a few years, grow old, and by a proof all diseases arise from deranged kidneys and liver, and it strikes at once at the root of cess of decay which he cannot arrest. the difficulty. The elements of which it is become a stinking mass and not feel composed act directly upon these great organs, sad. Separations are painful, but no both as a food and restorer, and, by placing separations are so great as those made them in a healthy condition, drive disease

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no breach caused by death will ever in this world, be repaired. A painful sadness possesses the soul of him who gazes upon the dilapidated walls of the house in which he was born, but very few are even serious although conscious that the tenement in which their immortal soul resides is fast

by death. Families are broken up and

crumbling to ruin. In some respects this is well enough, God in his goodness causes us to forget those sore griefs through which we are sometimes called to pass. Hope springs immortal in the human breast, although it frequently has no real foundation on which to rest. But for this fact life would not be endurable. and this world be a valley of tears.

That which gives death its impor tance is not the accident that it temporarily separates the soul from the body, but the fact that it fixes the final destimy of both soul and body. Life is not period of probation, but of merciful visitation. Death puts an end to this. At death God ceases to make offers of peace and pardon. In the bosom of the righteons hope ceases, because faith becomes fruition; in the bosom of the wicked hope dies and despair takes its place.

·What does Satan pay you for swearing?' asked one gentleman of another. 'He don't pay me anything,' was the reply. 'Well, you work cheap, to lay side the character of a gentleman to inflict so much on your friends and civil people to suffer, and lastly to risk losing you ow precious soul, and all for nothing. You certainly work cheap -very cheap indeed.'

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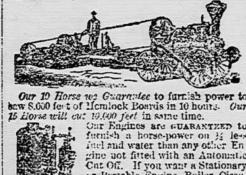
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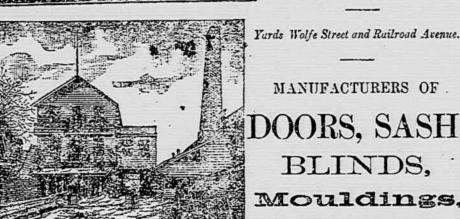


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